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### Remark

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 19, 23, 26, 30 and 34 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 31 and 32 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-19, 22-23, 26-30 and 33-43 are now presented for examination.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-4, 10-11, 17, 21, 25 and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Claim 8 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 9 and 10. Claim 15 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 16 and 17. Claim 19 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 20 and 21. Claim 23 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 24 and 25. Claim 30 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 31 and 32. Claim 34 is new and incorporates the limitations of claims 1, 2, and 4. Claim 39 is new and incorporates the limitations of claims 8, 9, and 11.

Accordingly, all of the allowable claims are now presented in independent form and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

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### Conclusion

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Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

# Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

## Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

## Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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